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Child Safety Seats and Belt Seats

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Child Safe

The Four Golden Rules to C

1. Be sure your child is in the appropriate seat for
2. Be sure the child safety seat is appropriate for y
safety seat and your vehicle to determine this.)
3. Place your child in the safety seat properly e
4. Register your child safety seat with the manufa
child safety seat.

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The Child Passenger Protection Act was establishe
the proper use of "approved child restraint systems."*

Children under age eight must be secured in a child

Persons eight to 16 years of age must be secured in
tion in the vehicle.

All persons under the age of 18 must be secured by
are riding in is driven by a person under the age of 18.

Parents or legal guardians of a child under eight ar
seat to anyone who transports his or her child.

*"Approved child restraint systems" refers to any de
Department of Transportation.

WARNING: Never place a baby in a rear fa
passenger side air bag. All chil

Y SEATS

ILD SAFETY SEATS

e child's size and weight.

vehicle (read the owner's manual for both the child

h time.

er to be notified of any recalls that may affect your

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protect the health and safety of children through
nificant provisions of the Act include:

fety seat.

roperly adjusted seat belt regardless of seat posi-

ild safety seat or safety belt when the vehicle they

esponsible for providing an approved child safety

e which meets the standards of the United States

g safety seat in a vehicle which has a front
n 12 and under should ride in the back seat.

Seat Be

Wearing Your Seat Belt Corre

- ✔ Lap belts, as well as the lap portion of a lap/shoulde lie low across the hips and over the upper thighs. La most effective, they must lie over the pelvis, one of t so that it is snug. Any slack allows the body to mov injury.
- ✔ The shoulder belt should lie across the chest and ov not lie across the front of the neck or face.
- ✔ Lap/shoulder seat belts, when used, reduce the ris percent and the risk of moderate-to-critical injury by
- ✔ For light truck occupants, seat belts reduce the risk

The La

Illinois law states that:

- Each driver and front seat passenger of a motor ve seat safety belt.
- Each driver of a motor vehicle transporting a child le either a child restraint system or in a properly adjus
- No person may operate a 1965 or later model vehi sets of safety belts.

The Illinois Graduated Licensing System requires all p belt when riding in a vehicle being driven by a person un holder is under the age of 18 when they receive their licen they reach the age of 18, operated a vehicle with more tha passenger(s) is a sibling(s), step-sibling(s), children, or ste

Under these Child Passenger Protection Act guideline

- Under the age of eight must be secured in a child s
- Eight years of age, but less than 16, must be secur

Sixteen- and 17-year-olds must be secured by a safety by a person under the age of 18.

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lt combination, should be adjusted so that they
elts should not lie across the abdomen. To be
stronger bones of the body. Adjust the lap belt
round during a crash and increases the risk of

he collarbone with little, if any, slack. It should

f fatal injury to front seat car occupants by 45
percent.

fatal injury by 60 percent.

e must wear a properly adjusted and fastened

than 16 years of age shall secure that child in
seat safety belt.

unless the front seats are equipped with two

sengers under the age of 18 to wear a safety
the age of 18. If a graduated driver's license
they must not, for the first six months or until
ne passenger under the age of 20, unless the
hildren of the driver.

child:

ty seat.

n a seat belt.

lt when the vehicle they are riding in is driven

Child S

Are You Using Your Child

- ✔ Is the safety belt routed through a to the manufacturer's instructions
- ✔ Is the safety belt tight and a lockir
- ✔ Is the infant safety seat facing bac
- ✔ If the seat comes with a harness:
  - ✔ Is the child snugly secured b
  - ✔ Is the crotch strap adjusted a
  - ✔ Do the lower straps or partial men?
  - ✔ Are the shoulder straps snug
  - ✔ Are the shoulder straps in th facing seat or *ABOVE* the sh
  - ✔ If there is a retainer strap or c at armpit level according to t
  - ✔ Is the shield portion of the se
  - ✔ Does the booster seat have belt, tethered harness, or shi

FETY SEATS

SAFETY SEAT CORRECTLY?

around the child safety seat correctly, according

clip being used if necessary?

ward, not forward?

he harness?

short as possible?

ield rest on or across your child's hips, not abdo-

gainst the child's chest?

proper slots — *BELOW* the shoulder for a rear
lder for a *forward facing* seat?

to keep the shoulder straps in place, is it secured
manufacturer's instructions?

in the proper position ?

e needed upper body support — a lap/shoulder
d?

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